

## LOCAL MATTERS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES, March 23, 1880.**  
For the Middle States increasing cloudiness, followed by occasional light rain and snow, south-west, veering to colder northerly winds, followed by rising barometer.

**ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.**—A bold attempt was made last night by two prisoners to escape from the jail in this city, which was only thwarted by the vigilance of City Sergeant Lucas and his assistant, Mr. Theodore Teed. There were confined in the southeast room, second story of the jail, awaiting trial three men—Thomas Warner, for house breaking; L. By Cook, for passing counterfeit money; and Frank J. Olden, for marrying a negro woman. It appears that two, at least, of these men had secured a chisel, some scraps of iron, and commenced work directly under the window of their room. They prised the boards off and worked during their leisure hours, placing them back whenever any of the officers of the jail entered their apartments. It is supposed that the men were at work for about three days and had fixed upon last night for their escape. But Mr. Lucas, suspecting that things were not all right, went home early and informed Mr. Teed of his suspicions, requesting that he be called if the slightest noise was heard. So soon enough about half past eleven o'clock Mr. Teed discovered that the prisoners were preparing to make a move. Mr. Lucas, who was waiting in readiness, was called. After his coming for a short while he heard something heavy fall on the porch below, which he supposed was a cage, and fired, but it turned out to be a brick from the wall directly under the window where the three men were confined. The City Sergeant then went into the jail and found that the prisoners had succeeded in cutting a hole through the wall, and were long would have been far from their quarters. The three men were placed in a cell, but Cook stated that Olden had nothing to do with the plot. The firing of the pistol, which was heard down the street, and the cry of police attracted quite a large crowd around the jail.

**ALLEGED BAD TREATMENT.**—A man came to the station house to-day and said he wanted to surrender himself, and that if he had been guilty of any crime he was willing to be punished for it. He gave his name as John Kelly, of Portsmouth, N. H., where he had a brother. He was a sailor on board the U. S. training ship Saratoga, but that ship had left him at the Marine Hospital in Washington, from which place he had run away. While on the ship he had been treated very badly by the crew, and he firmly believed that a conspiracy had been formed against him. He did not want to be sent back to the hospital, but desired to be returned to his ship, where he could serve out his time, and draw the money due him, which he could not do unless he was allowed to report for duty. He said he had been suffering with neuritis in the hand, but was now able to do a man's work. He wanted the authorities here to take charge of him and turn him over to the United States authorities so that he could have an opportunity to explain his case. He did not blame the officers of the Saratoga, but seemed to think that other parties were at the bottom of the affair, which was gotten up to defame him of his crimes. It could not be determined whether the man was sane or not, as he was very excited, and kept pleading his word and honor that he had not been guilty of anything. There may, or may not be truth in his story. The man was locked up in the station house and will be sent back to the Marine Hospital in Washington to-morrow.

**THE CONCERT LAST NIGHT.**—The McGehee family were greeted last night at Sarepta Hall by a large and appreciative audience. The concert was a decided success in every particular, and the assembly testified their pleasure by continued applause. The selections were all good and well rendered, especially the violin duet, "Carnival of Venice," by Miss Viola and Master Hugh. The "Best Old Man Alive," by Master Victor and La Petite Florencia, was received with great favor, and little Florencia, a very small girl, by her innocent, child-like ways, won the hearts of all. Everything was in good taste with but one exception, and that exception was the sentence of the children through the audience with pictures of the family for sale, reminding one more of a circus than a genteel concert. People when they go to an entertainment do not wish, during an intermission, in the performance to have the pictures of strangers in whom they are only interested for the night, thrust at them, and however, this may be received in other cities, it does not take in Alexandria. With the peddling of pictures left out there was nothing to object to.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—About six o'clock yesterday evening several youths got upon a flat, in a freight train, at the Midland depot, and one, Elijah B. White, was putting his foot upon the couplers to get up when the engine backed and it was caught between them and severely mashed, though on bones were broken, owing, probably, to his having on a pair of stiff heavy shoes. His injuries were attended to by Dr. Gibson, and he is getting along very well, though it will take some time for the foot to heal. Yancey White is a son of Colonel E. V. White, of London, and is a student of St. John's Academy; he is about fifteen years of age. Of course no fault is to be imputed to the railroad employees, who did not even know that the boys were on the flat.

**AN EXCURSION PARTY.**—The Essex Institute, of Salem, Mass., comprising two hundred and fourteen, an historical society, which has been visiting various places of interest in this country, selected material for essays, &c., passed over the Virginia Midland Railroad yesterday for a special train to Richmond where they will remain for some time and return by the same route to Washington. One of the gentlemen connected with the Institute said, in a conversation this morning, that the party had been treated with the utmost kindness and courtesy by the southern people wherever they had been, and that all the gentlemen and ladies comprising the excursion, were highly delighted with their trip.

**ENGLISH SPARROWS.**—English sparrows are becoming a great nuisance, and citizens are complaining of them greatly. They drive all the singing birds away that feed on the fruit destroying worms and insects, and feed themselves on the very fruit buds that the other birds protect. While the ground was covered with snow a short time ago one gentleman living in the First Ward had five choice pear trees stripped of their buds by these birds. The boys will be delighted to know that the Alexandria Game Protective Association, with a view to thinning out the flock, has offered a reward of one dollar and fifty cents per hundred for the heads of the birds complained of.

**POLICE REPORT.**—There was not a case at Police headquarters to-day.

**ILLNESS OF JUDGE SHACKLEFORD.**—Judge Henry Shackelford, who has been ill for some time, but who it was thought was improving, has suffered a relapse, and is now lying in a very critical condition at his home in Culpeper, where his family has been summoned to his bedside.

**BADLY BURNED.**—A little colored boy named Thomas Johnston, while lighting paper from a stove, in the absence of his mother, Jennie Johnston, who lives on Wolfe street, between Columbus and Alfred, caught fire this morning and was badly burned.

Regular spring weather to-day.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Shad and herring are beginning to arrive pretty freely.

Mr. Henry Brengle, of this city, has an excellent remedy for cancer.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council will take place to-night.

The Committee on Streets met last night in the office of City Treasurer M. B. Harlow.

Dr. Browne, of Culpeper county, well known in this city, died at his home last Friday night.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a meeting to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Virginia Council, No. 1, U. F. A., will have an entertainment to-night at their hall on Fairfax street.

J. Deifuss & Co. received to-day a large lot of gun carriages and other articles from Fort Washington.

The condition of the pump on the corner of Alfred and Gibson streets is complained of by residents of the neighborhood.

The L. T. A., a social organization of this city, are preparing for a grand hop, at McBurney's Hall, on Monday night next.

Rev. W. S. Petick, of the Baptist Church in this city, is conducting revival services in Rev. Dr. Bentley's church, Baltimore.

Rev. Mr. Graham will deliver the annual sermon before Old Dominion Commandery, Knights Templar, in the M. P. Church, next Friday night.

Mr. Julius Rosenthal, of Toledo, Ohio, son of E. Rosenthal, eq., who has been on a visit to his relatives and friends in this city, has returned home.

Messrs. Thos. E. Kemp and Geo. W. Swain are ill at their residences, and Mr. John Summers was thought to be in a dying condition this afternoon.

Two members of the Washington Bicycle Club, W. Schuyler Johnson and H. Gate, glided noiselessly through the streets of the city to-day, and excited considerable attention.

The Hebrew Passover will commence Friday evening and continue seven days. Services will be held in the Synagogue Friday evening, Saturday morning, and on the first two days of the festival.

A number of the trustees of the public schools met this morning at the store of Messrs. Lead-better, on Fairfax street, and proceeded to visit in turn each of the public schools of the city.

The remains of the late Virgil P. Corbett, brother of F. E. Corbett, eq., of this city, and wife, were removed to day from Arlington by Mr. Berj. Wheelby to the Congressional Cemetery, Washington.

The Parcel of Family flour donated to the first relief fund by Messrs. Buck & Fielding, of Kent Royal, will be re-filled, at Harlow Bros' store, on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, sharp. Gentlemen having claims please notice.

Mr. Wm. Ayre, jr., Sheriff of Fairfax county, and Mr. Thos. R. Brent, of Baltimore, were in the city to-day.

A heavy loss was discovered on the railroad track this morning at Herndon.

Work has commenced on the armory of the Alexandria Light Infantry.

**COUNTY COURT.**—Hon. James Sangster, Judge presiding.—W. D. Newton qualified as Deputy Treasurer.

The report of the commissioner of accounts upon the solvency of the treasurer's official bond was filed and a copy ordered to be sent to the Auditor at Richmond.

In the matter of the application of A. E. Frazier and others for a location of the county road near Four Mile run. The commissioners appointed to view the proposed change of road, on motion of A. R. Frazier and others, having reported the change inexpedient, ordered that the said motion be denied.

Com. vs. Millie Holmes, an indictment for murder; motion to quash indictment overruled; decree to indictment overruled, and the following jury sworn: G. O. K. Adams, John W. Slater, George Ott, Wm. R. Tucker, Robert Walker, H. Ball, John L. Travers, Lewis J. Collins, W. T. Burrows, Randolph Breh, John D. Mauck and Robert Horsman; trial progress; Edmund Burke, Attorney for the Commonwealth, and Samuel G. Brent, for the prisoner.

**ARLINGTON, BALTIMORE CO., Aug. 19, 1879.** I have used the English Condition Powers on my horses, and they are the best I ever used for them. I used them on a cow that gave one quart of milk in June, and she now gives three gallons a day, and is in the best of health and flesh. They should be used by all stock owners to be appreciated.

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to be found in this market.

During the months of October, November, and December, anticipating the advance which has recently taken place, bought very largely of all the standard manufacturers at old prices, and, as far as is possible, now give the benefit of their large purchases to our customers. It is our aim not only to keep first-class goods, but a large stock of medium price goods of every description, and we are now able to exhibit the most comprehensive and beautiful assortment of styles to be found anywhere. It will pay you to call and examine our goods, as we have some good bargains. These goods will be sold for much less than their real value.

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Great care has been bestowed upon the selection of our stock, and purchasers may rely upon getting goods of a superior quality.

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110 King street,  
Alexandria, Va.

MAR 23  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 23, 1880.

I HEREBY TENDER MY SINCERE thanks to THE VIRGINIA STATE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Richmond, for having to-day, through their Alexandria Agents, Messrs. S. R. Janney & Son, paid me in full for the loss sustained by me by the burning of my house, on the northeast corner of Oranoke and Alfred streets, on the night of the 25th of Feb'y, 1878-31.

THOMAS DOWNEY.

WHEATSTRAW, Corn Bran, White and Brown Middlings, Ship Stuffs, Brown Stuffs, and Bran, for sale by

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MAR 23  
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CUT HAY, in bales and loose, for sale by

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MAR 23  
EXCELSIOR, made by J. J. Turner & Co. for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, Agt.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, March 23, 1880.

SENATE.

After the routine morning business was concluded, the bill incorporating a number of persons well known as educators, residing in the various States, into the "National Educational Association," to make reports on educational affairs to Congress, was taken up and discussed. It was opposed by Messrs. Cockrell, Hurd and Logan, and outside the jurisdiction of Congress and advocated by Messrs. Bailey and Hoar as constitutional and in the interest of National Education.

Pending debate the morning hour expired and the Geneva award bill was taken up. Mr. Garland addressed the Senate. He advocated the committee bill which provides for payment of underwriters' losses and made a legal argument in support of it.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Cooper, of Mich., said that in examining the record of this morning he found that a bill relating to the whole question of the tariff, amending thirty sections of the revised statutes, had been referred, in violation of the rule, to the Committee on Revision of the Laws instead of to the Committee on Ways and Means. He alluded to the danger which arose from a bill not clearly stating in its title its subject-matter.

Mr. Townsend, of Ill., said that he had introduced the bill, whose title clearly showed to what it referred when it stated that it was to revise and to amend title 33 of the revised statutes, and that the Committee on the Revision of the Laws was the proper committee to which it should go.

Mr. Reed, of Mo., would not say that the bill had been snatched into the House, because that would be unparliamentary, but it had been practically brought in without the knowledge of the House.

Mr. Townsend, if the gentleman had used such a term, parliamentary or unparliamentary, I should have denounced it as a falsehood. (Darting laughter on Republican side.)

Mr. Reed, And I should have replied that that would not make the slightest difference to me or any other member of the House.

Mr. Townsend. It might not make a difference to the gentleman to be told that it was false, but men of honor would know the meaning of that word, and it would make a difference to them. (Applause on Democratic side.)

Mr. Wilber, of New York. Why not have referred the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means?

Mr. Townsend. Because I believe that the Committee on the Revision of the Laws is the better committee to consider the bill.

Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, moved to amend the journal so as to refer the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means.

After a short debate as to the admissibility of this motion, the Speaker entertained it, whereupon Mr. Nichols, of Georgia, moved to lay the motion on the table.

This motion was agreed to—yeas 118, nays 117—a party vote with the exception of Mr. Cannon, of Ill., and Messrs. Field and Robinson, of Massachusetts, who voted with the democrats in the affirmative, and Messrs. Bachman, Belz, Spencer, Clymer, Wise, and Crockett, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Morse, of Massachusetts; Mr. Phelps, of Connecticut; Mr. Smith, of New Jersey; Mr. Wilson, of W. Va., and Mr. E. Wood, of New York, democrats, who voted with the republicans.

OFFICIAL.

AN ACT to amend an act, approved Jan. 14th 1879, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act imposing certain duties upon the Mayor, Collectors of Taxes, Collector of Gas Rents, etc.,' passed July 8th, 1879."

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, That section 8 of said act be amended to read as follows: That the Treasurer of the city for the time being, or whatever officer or agent he may designate, shall pay the interest on our city bonds, be required under the penalty named in the foregoing section, (section 2) to cancel all coupons before paying the same in the presence of the party to whom he pays the money for the coupons.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Passed Board of Aldermen February 24, 1880. E. E. DOWNHAM, President.  
Passed Common Council February 24, 1880. J. T. BECKWITH, President.  
Approved February 25, 1880.

COURTLAND H. SMITH, Mayor  
JAMES R. CATON, CLK. C. C.

AN Act in relation to the setting of curb and paving the gutters and sidewalks.

Be it enacted by the City Council of Alexandria as follows:

Sec. 1. That whenever one or more owners of property on any square or side of a square, or on any lot or lots, or on any unpaved or unpaved street in this city, shall apply to the City Council to have the curb set and the gutters paved along such square or side of a square, it shall be lawful to have the same done, it recommended by the Committee on the Streets, all materials to be furnished by the owners of the property on such square or side of a square, and the work to be done by the corporation, except the laying down of sidewalks.

Sec. 2. That whenever the curb is set on a square or side of a square, or on any lot or lots, or on any unpaved or unpaved street in this city, the owner of such square or side of a square, or on any lot or lots, or on any unpaved or unpaved street in this city, shall be required to lay down a good and substantial brick pavement at least six feet in width from the curb in front of unpaved property and up to the building line where the property is improved.

Sec. 3. That whenever such improvements are ordered, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Police to serve a copy of the order upon the property owners concerned, and at the same time notify said owners of the time within which such work must be done. Should the property owners refuse or fail to furnish the materials required for such improvements within the time specified, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Police, under the supervision of the Committee on Streets, to proceed at once to have the work done as ordered. The Superintendent of Police shall keep a correct record of all materials purchased for and used on such improvements, and when the work is completed, he shall make up a statement of the total expense thereof, with a list of the owners of the ground in front of which said curbing shall have been set and paving done, and file the same with the Clerk of the Common Council, who shall forthwith make out and deliver to the proper collector of taxes for collection, according to law, bills against every such owner for his pro rata share of the expense of setting the curb and paving the gutters, as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force from its passage, and all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Passed Board of Aldermen, Feb'y. 24, 1880. E. E. DOWNHAM, President.  
Passed Common Council, February 24, 1880. J. T. BECKWITH, President.  
Approved March 24, 1880.

COURTLAND H. SMITH, Mayor  
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PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCH 23, 1880.  
Sun rises..... 5 51 Sun sets..... 6 15

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Str Experiomet, Philadelphia, by F A Reed, Str Matiano, lower P.C., by J Brothers & Co.

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D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, mh 22 Alexandria, Va.

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